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REFS: A. NATO 2418 B. STATE 092126 C. STATE 093115

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VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. UNLESS IT PERCEIVES OBJECTION US MISSION NATO SHOULD
SUBMIT THE DATA IN REFERENCE B TO MBFR WORKING GROUP TO
MEET THE AHG DATA REQUEST. HOWEVER, PER YOUR RECOMMENDATION

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IN PARAGRAPH 4 REF D, DIA IS RETRANSMITTING CONTENTS OF REF

B TO USDELMC.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT ACCEPTANCE BY NATO OF THE DATA CONTAINED IN REF B IS DESIRABLE BUT NOT WORTH A LENGTHY POLITICAL DEBATE WITH THE ALLIES AT THIS TIME. AS POINTED OUT IN THE NOTE TO TABLE 1 REF B WE BELIEVE ALL SOVIET AIR DEFENSE FORCES IN THE NGS ARE DEFINITELY PART OF THE GROUND FORCES. SO, FOR THAT MATTER, ARE ALL PACT SSM PERSONNEL. WHILE AN ANOMALY EXISTS IN HELICOPTER FORCES WE DO NOT ESTIMATE A NEAR-TERM NEED FOR AGREED NATO FIGURES ON HELICOPTERS. THE US DATA ON THE ONLY ANOMALY THAT IN THE SHORT TERM APPEARS TO BE CRITICAL, THE GROUND PORTION OF THE NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS OF THE CSSR AND POLAND, HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED BY NATO AND CAN BE FOUND IN TABLE A12 OF MC 161/74.

3. WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THE PLACING OF THE DUTCH SHORT LEAVE PERSONNEL IN THE GROUND MANPOWER FIGURES, SINCE WE BELIEVE THE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED RESERVISTS. THE INTRODUCTION OF DUTCH RESERVISTS INTO MBFR WOULD UNDERMINE THE ALLIED POSITION THAT MBFR SHOULD BE CONFINED TO ACTIVE DUTY AGROUND FORCES AND WOULD GIVE ADDED IMPETUS TO SOVIET DEMANDS THAT FRG RESERVISTS AND CIVILIANS BE INCLUDED IN MBFR REDUCTIONS.

4. FYI: DESPITE THE FACT THAT DUTCH SHORT LEAVE PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED IN COMPANY SIZED STRENGTH TO ACTIVE ARMY BATTALIONS, DURING THEIR SHORT LEAVE STATUS THEY ARE ACTUALLY ACTIVELY PURSUING CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS. THEY DO NOT RECEIVE ACTIVE ARMY PAY, DO NOT REPORT FOR ANY TRAINING NOR WEAR UNIFORMS DURING THIS SIX MONTH SHORT LEAVE PERIOD. THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CALL UP BY THEM MOD UNDER A SIMILAR LEGAL PROCEDURE AS THAT ESTABLISHED FOR THE FRG READY RESERVE AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED COMBAT READY NLT M PLUS 3. UPON COMPLETION OF THE SIX MONTHS SHORT LEAVE PERIOD THESE PERSONNEL ARE TRANSFERRED FROM THE ACTIVE ARMY BATTALION TO A RESERVE ORGANIZATION. END FYI.

5. YOUR REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON RESOLVING QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 2 REF A. MUST AWAIT OUR REVIEW OF THE
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COMPOSITION OF THE NEW NATO STRENGTH TOTALS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN PARA 2 OF REF C. RUSH

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